

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: CONSTRAINTS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF  
COMMERCIAL SCALE NON-BAUXITIC U.S. SOURCES OF ALUMINA

REF: (A) STATE 120082; (B) RIO DE JANEIRO 2177; (C) PANAMA 3171  
(D) STATE 65436

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF EXACT SCOPE OF  
SUBJECT GAO REVIEW AS SET FORTH ORIGINALLY IN REF (D) IN ORDER  
TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE PROGRAM FOR GAO TEAM IN BRAZIL.

2. OUR MAJOR CONCERN IS THAT THE TITLE OF THE STUDY AND THE  
GAO'S OBJECTIVES IN FRANCE (PARA 3 REF D) APPEAR TO EMPHASIZE  
NON-BAUXITIC SOURCES OF ALUMINA. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION, CONFIRMED  
BY THE EMBASSY'S RESOURCES OFFICER, THAT BRAZIL, WITH LARGE  
UNTAPPED BAUXITE RESERVES, IS NOT INTERESTED AT THE PRESENT IN  
EXPLORING NON-BAUXITIC SOURCES OF ALUMINA. ON THE OTHER HAND,  
PARA 2 OF REF D INDICATES THAT GAO INTEREST MAY BE MORE  
GENERAL. PLEASE ADVISE.

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3. WE BELIEVE THAT USEFUL AND KNOWLEDGEABLE GAO CONTACTS  
FOR THIS STUDY ARE CONSIDERABLY MORE LIMITED THAN THOSE  
REQUESTED BY GAO IN REF A. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY PLANNING  
SECRETARIAT IN BRASILIA ARE ONLY GOB AGENCIES LOOKING AT THE  
ALUMINUM QUESTION IN LONG-RANGE POLICY TERMS. OTHER USEFUL  
GAO CONTACTS WOULD BE ALUMINUM INDUSTRY OFFICIALS IN RIO

DE JANEIRO AND SAO PAULO.  
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